

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BILLINGS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS JAMES NEWMAN,

Defendant.

CR 21–110–BLG–DLC

ORDER

Before the Court is the United States’ unopposed motion for a preliminary forfeiture order. (Doc. 35.) The United States requests that certain property be preliminary forfeited. (*Id.* at 2–3.) Newman does not object. (*Id.* at 3.) Newman’s guilty plea justifies a preliminary forfeiture order pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b)(2).

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED the motion (Doc. 35) is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the United States is authorized and ordered to seize the following property:

- Remington Arms Company, Inc., 700 Rifle, CAL: 233, S/N: S6590799;
- Savage 98R17, .17 HMR bolt-action rifle, S/N: 1239773;
- Remington Arms Company, Inc., 11-48 Shotgun, CAL: 12, S/N: 5100172;

- 11 Rounds of Assorted Ammunition, CAL: 233; and
- 3 Rounds of Assorted Ammunition, CAL: 12.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such property is forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and shall be held by the United States in its secure custody and control.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the United States forthwith shall publish at least once for three successive weeks in a suitable means of general circulation notice of this order, notice of the United States' intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in the above-listed forfeited property must file a petition with the Court within thirty (30) days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier. This notice shall state that the petition shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

The United States may also, to the extent practical, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the property that is the subject of the preliminary order of forfeiture, as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a final order of forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed and that this Order is hereby incorporated into any final judgment issued in this matter pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b)(4)(B).

DATED this 15th day of August, 2022.



Dana L. Christensen, District Judge
United States District Court